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Study shows consumers buy more exported food than from region



CHRIS ZOELLER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ike Hicks, of De Soto, picks beans from his personal garden Tuesday at his home. Hicks’ farm, which he has turned over to his son and son-in-law due to his ailing knees, grows corn and beans that are picked up by a company in Mounds and sold in the region. A study released June 4 that surveyed 23 southern Illinois counties since Sept. 2011 revealed that large amounts of food produced in the area are exported, while residents spend money on food that is imported to the region. Hicks said he likes to pick from his garden in the morning when it is cool and sit in the shade during the day. “I guess in my time, I’ve grown a lot of food for a lot of people,” he said.

CALEB MOTSINGER
Daily Egyptian

In a community garden just outside of Carbondale, Matthew Weaver plucks Squash Bugs from a zucchini plant as the bugs attempt to eat what will be his and his

neighbors evening meal.

Although Weaver, an SIU alumnus in forestry, said most of the food he eats is either grown or bought locally, a study released June 4 shows that most people throughout the region tend to eat differently. The study was conducted by the Crossroads Resource

Center, a non-profit group that specializes in helping communities be sustainable, according to its website.

The study indicates that in a state rich in agriculture, the current food and farm economy in southern Illinois exports large amounts of wealth away from the region.

Ken Meter, president of the Crossroads Research Center, said the 705,000 people who live in the lower 23 counties of southern Illinois spend approximately \$1.8 billion dollars on food, and \$1.7 billion of that is spent on food outside of the region. Meter said if the local food industry expanded to meet 25 percent of the demand, southern Illinois would add millions of dollars to its local economy.

The research center was commissioned last year starting in September 2011 by a group of southern Illinois residents concerned with the region’s farm and food economy. Meter said he hopes the study will help concerned citizens bring together a diverse group of stakeholders involved in strengthening the local economy through local food systems development.

“The southern Illinois region has a lot of the essential ingredients it takes to make the local food economy grow,” Meter said. “It has good soil to till, there are a lot of small farms, there isn’t much industrial topography in the region and a smaller population is probably more likely to want to eat locally.”

Tim Scates, who is a partner in what he said is the region’s largest family operated farm, said the reason for this problem is simply supply and demand. Though the food grown in southern Illinois is exported to feed people throughout the world, Scates said the fact that most of the produce and meat sold in regional grocery stores comes from far away is caused by both ends of the spectrum.

“Areas that tend to grow and raise more food generally have less restrictions on the way they can go about growing it,” he said. “Here in southern Illinois there are a lot of smaller farms that either can’t or choose not to use certain pesticides and other chemicals to help increase productivity.”

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Wineries upgrade facilities to stand out

AUSTIN FLYNN
Daily Egyptian

Many vineyards on the Shawnee Hills wine trail are working this summer to improve their vineyards in order to set themselves apart from the competition.

Von Jakobs in Pomona is adding a secondary ballroom to their location in the fall so they can host additional weddings in their already busy schedule. Blue Sky Vineyards in Makanda will add another room as well which will act as a place for weddings and musical events. Alto Vineyards in Alto Pass is adding a new 5000-square-foot tasting room in order to increase business.

There are 12 wineries on the trail and 32 in southern Illinois. Julie Harvey, marketing director of Alto Vineyards, said the wine trail has consistently grown since its arrival in 1995, directly affecting the tourism in the industry. From only five wineries in 1988 to more than 100 in 2012, the Illinois wine industry creates a direct economic impact of more than \$253 million annually, according to the Illinois State Fair website.

Alto Vineyards, the longest running winery

in the area that has been open for more than 25 years has used vinifera grapes, a grape grown in Europe, southwest Asia and southern Germany, but originally thought unable to be successfully grown in Illinois, in the past few months in order to set themselves apart from the others.

The tasting room will also be built to accommodate a rising number of customers and a need for an area where customers can relax indoors.

The facility is anticipated to be complete by October.

Harvey said Alto Vineyards is also in the middle of a transitional period because Union county is adjusting their license so they will be allowed to sell six forms of alcohol and other ales at Alto Vineyards.

Marty McMorrow, former mayor of Alto Pass and current president of Alto Pass business association, said when he was mayor there was an effort to allow more types of alcohol to be sold in the community but it was not passed because the conservative nature of the town.

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JESSICA TEZAK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ross Bauer, of Murphysboro, thins out a grapevine Tuesday at Alto Pass Vineyards that will produce chambourcin wine, and be sold at the vineyard. The vineyard is building an indoor lounge area, said Julie Harvey, marketing director. “It will be a great place to enjoy local flavors and socialize outside of the rowdy drunk crowd.”

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PRODUCE

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Scates said consumers are often in the dark when buying exported food. “Consumers tend to want the perfect apple, and being restricted or choosing not to use pesticides

can sometimes put local farmers at a disadvantage when it comes to maintaining a healthy crop,” he said. Weaver said in his garden the daily bug and weed removal is small price to pay for an organic and sustainable food source. A lot of the produce on the shelves in Illinois grocery stores are

shipped from places like Chile and Ecuador, where they could have sprayed nearly anything on their crops, Scates said, but the consumer will never know because those companies don’t have to tell. Meter said through purchasing produce from area farmer’s markets and co-ops, the local food economy

will grow to eventually strengthen southern Illinois’ residents way of life in a more sustainable and healthy way. “When you buy from a farmer’s market all of that value goes right to the farmer,” he said. “Not usually, but sometimes locally grown produce might be a little more expensive but what I’ve found is

that when you buy something that costs more, you tend to eat it slower, it tastes better and you will always feel better about how you spend your money if your buying locally.”

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WINERIES

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Marty said now the community is more inclined to allow the sale of different forms of alcohol because the residents of Alto Pass can see how the winery has brought in more tourism and created tax revenues for the community. “I mean, a small town like Alto Pass has a hard time just keeping their head above water in this day and age ... so (the new license) is a pretty big deal,” McMorrow said. Alto Pass is not the only vineyard trying to bring fresh ideas to the table. Von Jakob winery is looking into the possibility of a lookout tower and cabins for the future on top of the additional ballroom they are building. Nick Bruner, general manager for Von Jakob, said the business moved to a new location in 2005

“I mean a small town like Alto Pass has a hard time just keeping their head above water in this day and age ... so (the new license) is a pretty big deal.” — Marty McMorrow president, Alto Pass business association

where they began to offer a wedding venue. He said this summer the winery is practically booked solid with the amount of wedding requests it has gotten. The vineyard also hosts many bands and is the only winery to have an in house brewery. Another big name in the southern Illinois wine industry is Blue Sky Vineyards. Jim Ewers, president of Shawnee Hills and co-owner of Blue Sky, said with so many other wineries in the area hosting weddings and more popping up every day, it puts pressure on them

to compete with all of the other businesses out there. “We were growing exponentially at first, I mean we were growing way faster than we ever anticipated, but with the opening of other wineries and when the economy turned south, sales start to flatten out, but we’re still very much holding our own,” Ewers said. Although competition can be tough between wineries, there are still smaller vineyards that have made a name for themselves. Hogg Hollow winery is an example of a small, family owned operation. While Hogg Hollow doesn’t

host live music they have hosted weddings on the vineyard, which is run year round right off of their farm since 2005. Steve Hogg, owner of Hogg Hollow vineyards in Golconda, said he does most of the work on the farm, from growing the grapes all the way up to bottling the finished product. He believes Hogg Hollow offers a more family friendly atmosphere customers won’t get from just any winery. “We have a lot of people who come from Chicago, St. Louis and Paducah that just want to enjoy the Shawnee forest a little bit and take part in horseback riding and boating,” Hogg said. Similarly, Hickory Ridge winery in Pomona prides itself on being fun for the whole family. “I have no problem with other people doing wedding and rock n’ roll and Elvis contests and all that

kind of stuff but it’s just not for me. This place is just about the wine and the scenery,” said Ron Presswood, owner of Hickory Ridge vineyards. Despite the lack of activities, Presswood said Hickory Ridge has seen a 15 percent increase in business each year since the business opened in 2007, without the help of any advertising. While wineries are still a fairly young business in Illinois, they show some promise to bring in revenues to their towns, promote tourism and add extra flavor to the southern Illinois area. Walker’s Bluff winery in Cartersville will host Sheryl Crow as a musical guest Friday while Von Jakob will host the Roxie Randall band Saturday.

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Numbers hint at cost of Illinois pension shift

CHRISTOPHER WILLS Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Illinois schools could see costs rise by nearly \$600 million after five years of a plan to make them shoulder the expense of providing pensions for teachers, according to new figures meant to support Gov. Pat Quinn's argument for shifting some state retirement costs to school districts. But critics remained dubious Tuesday. They said that amount — a small percentage of overall education spending — could still force many districts to cut programs and staff or raise local taxes. They also questioned whether reliable estimates are possible with such a

complex, changing issue. “I don’t have any confidence in the upper end of those numbers,” said Michael Chamness, a spokesman for the Illinois Association of School Administrators. Top state officials are trying to come up with a plan to strengthen Illinois’ worst-in-the-nation pension systems. There’s general agreement on the idea of cutting costs by reducing cost-of-living increases for retirees, but Democratic leaders also want to change the way Illinois provides pensions to teachers and other school employees. Right now, state government pays the employer’s portion of pension costs for downstate and suburban Chicago schools. Only in Chicago

does the local district pay the pension costs of local employees. Quinn and Democratic legislative leaders want to shift the pension expenses to local districts over a period of years. Quinn presented figures for two versions of the proposed shift. Under the more aggressive version, the added cost to school districts would total \$97 million in the first year and reach \$580 million in the fifth year. The shift would be complete in the sixth year, when school costs would be \$625 million above current levels. Illinois schools spent about \$16.6 billion in local funds during the last full fiscal year, according to the advocacy group Voices for Illinois

Children. So that \$625 million works out to about 3.8 percent over six years. If you consider the shift a cut in state school aid, it would amount to a 9 percent reduction — again over six years. “The proposal that I believe in will not hurt property taxpayers. It will help taxpayers,” Quinn said Tuesday, although he wouldn’t discuss the numbers in detail. The impact of a cost shift is a matter of debate. The Illinois State Board of Education released some numbers of its own — a snapshot of how much money schools had on hand. It showed that nearly 100 districts ended the last fiscal year with less than 90 days’ worth of cash reserves,

meaning they have a limited cushion to absorb more costs. The latest budget already cuts state education spending, and the state often delays payments to schools. Both factors will put more pressure on districts. The additional expense of a pension shift could push them into the red. Republican leaders maintain discussion of a pension shift should be shelved so the state can go forward with changes that will save the state \$60 billion to \$80 billion in retirement costs in coming decades. They point out that a pension shift would not lower costs. It would simply move those costs from the state to the schools, which may or may not be able to pay it.



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Discover says credit card use rose in second quarter

ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Despite concerns about the economy, Discover's customers are using their cards more often and paying their bills on time at record rates.

The company's profit fell 10 percent in its March-May quarter, as the credit card issuer freed up less money from reserves set aside to cover customers' unpaid bills than a year earlier as its loans increased.

But credit conditions are improving. Late payment rates and customers' loan defaults dropped sharply, reaching historic lows. Discover's management expects that charge-offs, or loans written off as unpaid, will modestly increase during the next 12 months as the company widens its pool of borrowers.

The economic shakeout of the last few years has left credit cards in the hands of more affluent consumers who are better able to pay their bills in full each month, while those with lower credit scores and presumably less ability to pay are now less likely to use credit. Tighter underwriting standards also have pushed loss rates lower.

Discover Financial Services said sales volume on its namesake cards rose 5 percent during the

March-to-May period to \$26.1 billion, reflecting more card use by customers, as total retail sales rose 5.7 percent in the same period according to government figures. Credit card balances also grew nearly 4 percent to \$46.6 billion, while transactions processed by Discover-owned networks increased 5 percent.

Mark Graf, Discover's chief financial officer, said in an interview, that the growth in credit card sales during the quarter underscores that the company's core customer has some degree of comfort with spending.

"We feel as though there is, let's just say, improved confidence more broadly, as exhibited by their willingness to pull their cards out of their wallet," Graf said.

But the rate of consumer spending has stagnated from month to month this spring, while job growth has slowed since the start of the year. Economists worry that consumer spending may further weaken if hiring and pay doesn't pick up. That would hurt retailers and credit card issuers like Discover, which makes money from interest charged on cardholders' balances.

After paying preferred stockholders, Discover earned \$532 million, or \$1 per share, in

its fiscal second quarter ended May 31. That compares with \$593 million, or \$1.09 per share, a year ago. Analysts polled by FactSet expected a profit of 99 cents per share.

The Riverwood company freed up \$110 million set aside to help cover customers' unpaid bills. Last year, Discover released \$401 million from its reserve. The company's total provision for loan losses grew 32 percent to \$232 million as it set aside more money as it made more loans.

Revenue rose 6 percent to \$1.85 billion from \$1.74 billion, falling just short of Wall Street's \$1.86 billion estimate.

Total loans rose 9 percent to \$57.1 billion.

Net interest income, or money earned from loans, climbed 10 percent to \$1.32 billion thanks to loan growth and lower interest expense.

Customers' credit improved. The delinquency rate for loans over 30 days past due declined to 1.91 percent from 2.79 percent, while the rate of charge-offs — loans written off as uncollectible — fell to 2.79 percent from 5.01 percent. Discover called both "historic lows."

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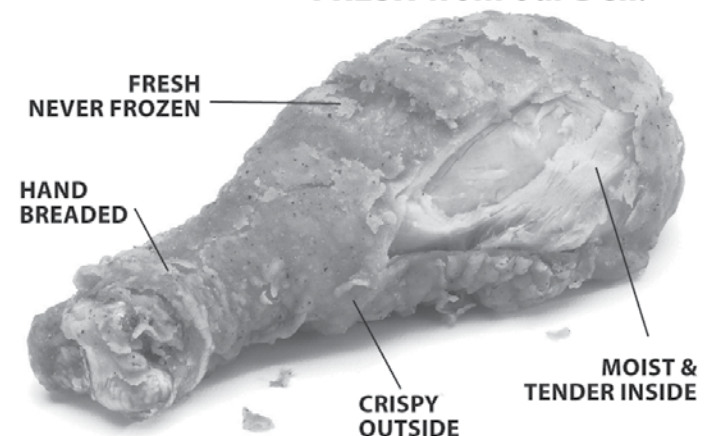
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THEIR WORD

Rodney King’s death: The end of an era

The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Tuesday, June 19:

The death of Rodney Glen King brought to an end an era that defined modern Los Angeles and affected any person who lived through it. It was, of course, King’s beating at the hands of four Los Angeles police officers in 1991 that plunged the city into a wrenching debate over police brutality and racism. When the officers who pummeled King were acquitted on all but one charge the

following year, the city responded with devastating riots, and King memorably pleaded for calm, begging residents to “get along.”

King was one of four iconic figures from that episode, and all four are now dead. Police Chief Daryl F. Gates and Mayor Tom Bradley were twin towers of the era, their distaste for each other helping to shape its politics. In the year between King’s beating and the riots, the two barely spoke, and their alienation helped ensure that the city was not ready for the

violence that erupted on April 29, 1992. Subsequent chiefs and mayors have learned the lesson of that feud. Though they have not always appreciated each other, no mayor or chief since has put the city at risk the way those two stubborn leaders — the irascible Gates and the by-then-fading Bradley — did.

Warren Christopher was the epoch’s other lasting figure, but his contribution was, by contrast, vital and positive. Christopher, who later served as President Clinton’s secretary of state, chaired the

commission that studied the LAPD in the aftermath of the beating. That commission’s reforms - it created a five-year term of office for the chief and instituted a number of programs for monitoring the behavior and performance of police officers — along with the subsequent Justice Department consent decree revamped policing at the department. The LAPD’s turn away from hostility and toward professionalism began with the commission and continues today.

Christopher died in 2011,

Bradley in 1998 and Gates in 2010. Now King too is gone. Of the four, he did the least and symbolized the most. King never quite knew how to take advantage of the celebrity that was thrust on him; he was arrested again and again, and never grew much beyond his famous plea for peace during the riots. Gates, Bradley and Christopher made this city’s history; it merely happened to King. He died at age 47, his body recovered early Sunday morning from the bottom of his swimming pool.

Bill in Congress’ hands to help Holocuast victims

The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Friday, June 15:

In Europe, as the Nazis rose to power, many Jews tried to protect themselves and their families financially by purchasing life insurance policies, annuities, even dowry policies. For decades after World War II, getting payment on those policies — particularly difficult when survivors and heirs had been stripped of all their possessions, including family records — became part of the larger challenge of how to compensate those who suffered

at the hands of the Nazis. Two bills in Congress would help families recover money long denied them. They deserve approval.

With the support of the U.S. government, the insurance industry set up an international commission in 1998 through which European insurers agreed to pay out thousands of claims, using relaxed standards of proof. Not all survivors chose to go through the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims or to accept the payments they were offered. Many criticized the insurers for

underpaying or unfairly denying claims.

Instead, some filed lawsuits in the U.S. against European insurers doing business here as well. But federal courts rebuffed their attempts, saying they interfered with U.S. foreign policy, which was geared toward securing the European insurance companies’ cooperation with the commission and promoting it as the exclusive arena for survivors’ claims.

The bills in the House and the Senate would overrule those court decisions and allow survivors to sue. The legislation would also allow

states to enact laws (as California once tried to do) to compel European insurers doing business in the state to disclose the names of policyholders from the Holocaust era.

Both the George W. Bush and the Obama administrations have urged courts to disallow individual lawsuits. And the current administration says the legislation would harm the processing of any Holocaust-era claims still underway and cripple relations with countries the U.S. has entered into agreements with regarding a variety of reparation and restitution issues from that period.

Those objections are overblown. The U.S. never guaranteed European insurers that they would be immune from litigation in return for settling claims through the commission. United States officials promised only to file statements in lawsuits arguing that the cases be dismissed in the interest of foreign policy. And they’ve done that.

Simply allowing survivors to sue is no guarantee of legal success, and many might face arduous battles in court. But that is their risk to take. The U.S. government should not stand in their way.

Chasing Armstrong: enhancement drugs plague athletes

The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Friday, June 15:

Say there’s no chance, Lance.

Doping allegations against cycling champion Lance Armstrong are nothing new — during the last decade, former teammates have testified that he took and supplied them with banned substances, questionable test results have surfaced and conspiracies involving Armstrong’s contributions to cycling’s governing body have been alleged. Yet the latest charges by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency may represent the most serious threat to date to Armstrong’s legacy, because the USADA has

the power to strip him of his past titles and the credibility to tarnish his name forever.

Coincidentally, the accusations against Armstrong, including test results from 2009 and 2010 that the USADA says are “fully consistent with blood manipulation,” arise as another American sports icon, pitcher Roger Clemens, is awaiting a jury verdict on charges of perjury for allegedly lying to Congress about his steroid use. And Armstrong and Clemens are far from unique. In fact, their two sports, cycling and baseball, seem to have been awash in performance enhancing drugs at the time the two champs were at the top of their games,

***F*ailing to punish cheaters changes the nature of sport from an event that tests the limits of human physical achievement to one that tests the best chemist.**

leading some to question why the courts or sporting associations should even bother to pursue such cases. After all, if Armstrong and Clemens were competing against athletes who were doped up, what difference does it make if they too were riding the needle?

The answer is that not everybody was doped up. Steroids, human growth hormone, testosterone, EPO (an endurance-boosting drug allegedly used by Armstrong) and other banned substances give some athletes an unfair advantage over

others who play by the rules. It is cheating, and failing to punish cheaters changes the nature of sport from an event that tests the limits of human physical achievement to one that tests the best chemist.

The worst days of doping are, we hope, behind us. So many Tour de France winners have had their titles stripped and been banned from competition because of illegal drug use that the dangers of cheating should, by now, be obvious to all competitors. But then, that’s the point: Without

investigations like the one underway against Armstrong, cycling, and baseball, would surely be as dirty as ever. Armstrong calls the USADA’s probe an unfair “vendetta.” Actually, it does credit to the sport, even if it concludes that there was no wrongdoing.

It’s disheartening to see so many sports heroes humbled, and for our part, we hope Armstrong is innocent - not only because we’d like to believe that his remarkable achievements were legitimate, but because history as a testicular cancer survivor who went on to become one of the most successful athletes in history has inspired millions battling their own cancers. But if he’s guilty, there are no good excuses.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — An Illinois couple arrested after two of their five children were found bound and blindfolded in a Walmart parking lot in Kansas were investigated for possible neglect last year by child welfare officials in their home state.

Adolfo Gomez Jr., 52, and his wife, Deborah Gomez, 43, both of Northlake, were arrested last Wednesday morning at a Walmart in Lawrence, Kan., after someone

spotted a 5-year-old boy sitting outside a sport utility vehicle with his hands and feet bound and a blindfold covering his eyes.

Police responded and found a 7-year-old girl also tied up and blindfolded outside the vehicle, while three other children, ages 12, 13 and 15, were inside the vehicle but not restrained.

Kendall Marlowe, a spokesman for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, said the agency opened a case on the family in December after validating a report of

neglect. The case was closed in April, and the children were allowed to remain with the family. The children would have been removed if social workers believed they were in danger, Marlowe said.

"We had a substantiated claim of neglect," he said. "What appears to have happened in the Walmart parking lot isn't neglect, it's abuse."

Marlowe also confirmed his agency was aware of allegations made in 1998 that the parents had left two boys, ages 2 and 3, home alone. The family was living in Naperville then.

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Islamist claims victory in Egypt presidential vote

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CAIRO — Islamist candidate Mohammed Morsi declared victory Monday in Egypt's first free presidential election since Hosni Mubarak's ouster 16 months ago. But just as polls were closing, the ruling military council issued constitutional amendments that gave sweeping authority to maintain its grip on power and subordinate the nominal head of state.

After the last-minute power grab Sunday night, the ruling Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) pledged Monday to honor its promise to hand over power to the newly elected president by the end of this month. But the constitutional amendments stripped the president of almost all significant powers. The military decreed that it will have legislative authority after a court dissolved parliament, it will control of the drafting a new constitution and will not allow civilian oversight of its significant economic interests or other affairs.

Morsi represents the Muslim Brotherhood, an Islamic fundamentalist group which has emerged as the most powerful political faction since the uprising. The Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party rejected the constitutional declaration, saying it was no longer within the authority of the military council to issue such a decree with less than two weeks left for the transfer of power.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman George Little urged the ruling military to transfer full power to a democratically elected civilian government, as it pledged to do in the past.

"We are deeply concerned about the new amendments to the constitutional declaration, including the timing of their announcement as polls were closing for the presidential election," said Little.

The constitutional declaration made almost simultaneously with polls Sunday night was the third major blow in a week to hopes for a democratic transition that arose from the uprising. On Wednesday, the military gave itself broad powers to arrest civilians even on minor offenses such as traffic violations. And on Thursday, a court stacked with Mubarak-era appointees dissolved parliament.

Using its legislative authority, the military council issued another decree made public on Monday forming a new national defense council made up of 11 senior military commanders, including the defense minister, as well as the president. Though the council's mandate was not specified, it appears to be another step to limit the role of the president and enshrine the role of the military as the highest authority over national security policy.

The Freedom and Justice party also rejected the dissolution of

parliament.

"The People's Assembly stands and has legislative and oversight authority," the party said in a statement posted on its website.

Maj. Gen. Mohammed al-Assar, a senior member of the ruling council, said the generals would transfer power in a "grand ceremony." He did not give an exact date or mention Morsi by name. He said the new president will have the authority to appoint and dismiss the government and that the military council has no intention of taking away any of the president's authorities.

"We'll never tire or be bored from assuring everyone that we will hand over power before the end of June," al-Assar told a televised news conference.

Though official results have not yet been announced, the Brotherhood released a tally that showed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood took nearly 52 percent of the vote to defeat Mubarak's last Prime Minister Ahmed Shafiq with about 48 percent in a very close race. The count was based on results announced by election officials at individual polling centers, where each campaign has representatives who compile and release the numbers before the formal announcement.

The Shafiq campaign rejected Morsi's claim of victory and accused him to trying to "usurp" the presidency or lay the groundwork to challenge the official result if it shows Shafiq winning.

"What the other candidate has done threatens Egypt's future and stability," said the statement, adding that initial indications show that Shafiq is undoubtedly ahead with between 51.5 to 52 percent.

If Morsi's victory is confirmed in the official result expected on Thursday, it would be the first victory of an Islamist as head of state in the stunning wave of pro-democracy uprisings that swept the Middle East the past year. But the military's last minute power grab sharpens the possibility of confrontation and more of the turmoil that has beset Egypt since Mubarak's overthrow.

By midday, several hundred flag-waving supporters had gathered at Cairo's Tahrir Square, the birthplace of the uprising, to celebrate.

In a victory speech at his headquarters in the middle of the night, Morsi, 60, clearly sought to assuage the fears of many Egyptians that the Brotherhood will try to impose stricter provisions of Islamic law. He said he seeks "stability, love and brotherhood for the Egyptian civil, national, democratic, constitutional and modern state" and made no mention of Islamic law.

"Thank God, who successfully led us to this blessed revolution. Thank God, who guided the people of Egypt to this correct path, the road of freedom, democracy," the bearded, U.S.-educated engineer declared.

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SHINER, Texas — Hearing his 5-year-old daughter crying from behind a barn, a father ran and discovered the unthinkable: A man molesting her. The father pulled the man off his daughter, authorities say, and started pummeling him to death with his fists.

With his daughter finally safe, the father frantically called 911, begging a dispatcher to find his rural ranch and send an ambulance.

"Come on! This guy is going to die on me!" the man is heard screaming on the recording, which authorities played during a news conference Tuesday where they announced that the father would not face charges. "I don't know what to do!"

In declining to indict the 23-year-old father in the June 9 killing of Jesus Mora Flores, a Lavaca County grand jury reached the same conclusion as investigators and many of the father's neighbors: He was authorized to use deadly force to protect his daughter.

"It's sad a man had to die," said Michael James Veit, 48, who lives across the street from where the attack happened in this small community run on ranching and the Shiner beer brewery. "But I think anybody would have done that."

The family ranch is so remote that on the 911 tape, the father is heard profanely screaming at a dispatcher who couldn't locate the property. At one point, he tells the dispatcher he's



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Heather McMinn, 25th Judicial District Attorney, left, and Lavaca County Sheriff Mica Harmon appear at a news conference in Hallettsville, Texas on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 to announce that a grand jury declined to return an indictment against a young father who beat to death Jesus Mora Flores for molesting the man's five-year-old daughter.

going to put the man in his truck and drive him to a hospital.

"He's going to die!" the father screams, swearing at the dispatcher. "He's going to f----- die!"

The tense, nearly five-minute call begins with the father saying he "beat up" a man found raping his daughter. The father grows increasingly frazzled, shouting into the phone so loudly at times that the call often becomes inaudible.

The Associated Press is not

identifying the father in order to protect the daughter's identity. The AP generally does not identify victims of sexual assault.

"He's a peaceable soul," V'Anne Huser, the father's attorney, told reporters at the Lavaca County Courthouse. "He had no intention to kill anybody that day."

The attack happened on the family's ranch off a quiet, two-lane county road between the farming towns of Shiner and Yoakum.

Authorities say a witness who saw Flores "forcibly carrying" the girl into a secluded area scrambled to find the father. Running toward his daughter's screams, the father pulled Flores off his child and "inflicted several blows to the man's head and neck area," investigators said.

Emergency crews responding to the father's 911 call found Flores' pants and underwear pulled down on his lifeless body. The girl was examined at a hospital, and

authorities say forensic evidence and witness accounts corroborated the father's story that his daughter was being sexually molested.

The father was never arrested, but the killing was investigated as a homicide.

Philip Hilder, a Houston criminal defense attorney and former federal prosecutor, said he would have been surprised if the grand jury had decided to indict the father. Hilder said Texas law provides several justifications for the use of deadly force, including if someone commits a sexual assault.

"The grand jury was not about to indict this father for protecting his daughter," he said.

Authorities said the family had hired Flores before to help with horses on the ranch. He was not born in the U.S. but was here legally with a green card. Attempts to locate Flores' relatives through public records were unsuccessful.

On Tuesday, a new "No Trespassing" sign was freshly tacked onto a gate barring entrance down a gravelly, shrub-canopied path leading to the barn and chicken coop on the ranch, which belonged to the father's dad.

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ACROSS

- Used a shovel
- Titan who held the world on his shoulders
- cracker; saltine
- Tiny part of an archipelago
- Motif
- Turn over leaf; reform
- At no time, to a poet
- over; remain fluttering above
- Sense; perceive
- Benumbing
- Poisonous Egyptian snakes
- Croon or yodel
- Where to find the cochlea
- Idaho exports
- Simple wind instruments
- Warning
- Ulysses S. for; select
- Brooches
- In the of; hemmed in by
- Easy stride
- Actress Arden
- Caftans
- Walkway
- Store owner
- Surpass
- Jacuzzi
- Valley
- Uncertain
- Sugar or Equal
- Lounge about
- Pizza topping
- Uttered
- In of; as a substitute for
- Mistake
- See
- Close noisily
- Tale
- Golf ball holder

DOWN

- Clamor
- up; spent
- Mirth
- Greek capital
- Flip-flop
- One of Jacob's twelve sons
- Prayer closing
- Corporal's superior
- Web browser
- At fingertips; handy
- sea diver; frogman
- Hole-making tools
- Pencil ends
- Soil
- Mr. Carney
- Narrow candle
- Still breathing
- Doctrine
- Neatness
- Late singer
- Mama
- Lasso's loop
- Granny Smith or McIntosh
- Spirited horse
- Deride; taunt
- Thick syrup
- Driver's card
- Tear
- Wheel rod
- Refuge; haven
- Café
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Capricorn — Today is a 7 — A partner's encouragement empowers you. Invest in what you believe in, and put in the extra effort. Don't let a windfall slip through your fingers.

Aquarius — Today is an 8 — Implement cost-efficiency measures, but don't neglect your deeper commitments. Love and be loved. Increase respect. Behave honorably, and honor others.

Pisces — Today is a 9 — Your enthusiasm can be quite attractive. Rediscover your secret passions. Someone appreciates your childish side. Shine that love right back at them.

RECRUITS

CONTINUED FROM 12

SIU also needed to fill a void left by two starting pitchers who left — Cameron Maldonado because of graduation and Nathan Dorris because the Chicago Cubs drafted him in the 17th round.

Pitching coach P.J. Finigan said they wanted a few junior college pitchers who could compete for a spot in the weekend rotation right away, and the coaching staff feels like they've got three pitchers who could vie for that spot.

Left-handed pitcher Aaron Hauge will get the first opportunity to pitch in the weekend rotation, Finigan

said. Hauge had 106 strikeouts to 19 walks in 74 innings pitched as a starter for Heartland Illinois Community College.

Finigan said Hauge was a lot like senior left-hander Cody Forsythe in terms of size, competitiveness and demeanor. Finigan said Hauge has a better breaking ball, though, and that's how he gets a majority of his strikeouts.

Right-handed pitcher Bryce Sablotny and left-handed pitcher Derek Fogel will also get a chance to start, Finigan said. Sablotny, who played for Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, has command of three pitches, although Finigan said he relies on his sinker and his slider to

“We think he can help from day one back there in the back end,” Finigan said. “He’s going to be a tough kid; he throws two pitches for strikes. He has a lot of fastball command and a lot of velocity.”

— P.J. Finigan
pitching coach

get outs.

Fogel posted a 2.38 ERA with 52 strikeouts in 53 innings pitched for Cowley Community College.

SIU signed two pitchers out of high school, and Finigan said one of them will get time in the back end of the bullpen to try and hold leads for closer

Todd Eaton. Right-handed pitcher Jacob Williams out of Monticello High School will help the Salukis in an area Finigan said they had trouble with last season.

“We think he can help from day one back there in the back end,” Finigan said. “He’s going to be a tough

kid; he throws two pitches for strikes. He has a lot of fastball command and a lot of velocity.”

Williams also features a very sharp curveball that tops out in the low 80s, Finigan said.

Finigan said Shimkus is also very competitive with a good repertoire of pitches, although the coaches will watch where Shimkus' velocity is at when he comes to Carbondale. Finigan said if he puts on some weight and his velocity continues to grow, he'll likely be in the weekend rotation later in his career with the Salukis.

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D.E.

Weekly Bark

Gus' Response



Roger Clemens was found not guilty on six counts of perjury Monday in regards to statements he made about his alleged use of steroids. Does the decision surprise you, and what does it mean for the “steroid era” in Major League Baseball?



Joe Ragusa: Sports editor

I honestly forgot this trial was still going on until I heard he was found not guilty. Talk about steroid use in baseball has become so repetitive that I stopped caring about it altogether. All I want to remember about that era is watching Sammy Sosa, Mark McGuire and Barry Bonds chase records when I was growing up.

It doesn't matter what the grand jury had to say, the cloud over baseball during the “steroid era” is as thick as it ever was. Most stars from that time period are already guilty of steroid use in the minds of fans anyways, we don't need a grand jury to confirm it.



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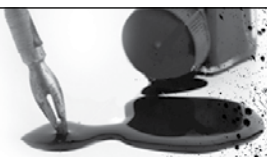
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Middler schooler embraces tennis talent



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Arina Martin, a seventh-grader from Makanda, waits to serve Tuesday during private lessons at the SIU Tennis Courts. Martin receives lessons from SIU women's tennis coach Audra Nothwehr. Martin will travel to Kalamazoo, Mich., this weekend to compete in a tournament. Nothwehr said Martin is ranked in the Top 12 in southern Illinois for her age group and ranked in the Top 30 in the Midwest. Martin said her mom told her she had to play a sport when she was younger and she chose soccer, but changed her mind one day while at Sports Blast. "I just looked at the tennis people and said 'I'm going to play tennis,'" Martin said.

First baseman rounds out recruiting class

JOE RAGUSA
Daily Egyptian

When SIU recruit Zach Stoner was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the 12th round of the Major League Baseball draft June 5, it left the Salukis with a hole in its roster.

Stoner was supposed to be the heir apparent at first base after Chris Serritella was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in the fourth round of the draft, but Stoner decided to sign a professional contract and skip college baseball.

SIU baseball coach Ken Henderson tabbed junior college first baseman Ryan Casillas to fill the void left by Stoner and complete SIU's nine-man recruiting class.

Casillas is from Chandler, Ariz., and originally signed on to play baseball as a freshman at the University of Arizona in 2011. Assistant SIU baseball coach Ryan Strain said Arizona wasn't a good fit for Casillas and that's why he

decided to leave and play junior college ball at Central Arizona Community College for two years.

The 6-foot 3-inch right-handed hitting first baseman wasn't scouted by SIU initially because Henderson said the team didn't have a need for a first baseman. Once Stoner signed professionally, Henderson made a short list of potential recruits and another recruit the Salukis signed for next season, catcher Matt Jones, mentioned Casillas' name.

Jones also played at Central Arizona Community College for a year after he left a Division I program. Jones played one year at Northern Colorado and was recruited by Strain when Strain was an assistant at Northern Colorado.

Strain left Northern Colorado to become an assistant coach at SIU before the 2011 season, so Jones never played for Strain. Jones hit .450 with 17 RBIs in 19 starts at catcher his freshman year at Northern Colorado, but left

"We were looking for an athletic catcher — somebody that could be an infielder if he had to be ... Look at the guys who are playing in the big leagues now, most of the catchers are pretty good athletes"

— Ryan Strain
Assistant SIU baseball coach

because he didn't really like the coaching staff, Strain said.

Strain said the Salukis were looking for a junior college catcher, and he still had a good relationship with Jones through his time in junior college. Strain said the coaching staff was looking for an athletic catcher to replace two graduating seniors at the position, and Jones fit the bill perfectly.

"We were looking for an athletic catcher — somebody that could be an infielder if he had to be," Strain said. "Look at the guys who are playing in the big leagues now, most of the catchers are pretty good athletes."

Jones hit .375 with 37 RBIs

last season with Central Arizona Community College and signed with SIU in the early signing period in November. Henderson said Jones could hit in the two-hole, while his teammate Casillas will likely be a middle-of-the-order hitter.

Henderson said the coaches looked for several junior college players who could contribute right away, including both pitchers and position players.

Another junior college position player SIU snagged is shortstop Ryan Rosthenhausler.

Henderson said Rosthenhausler will most likely start at shortstop next season, which allows a few

players to move back to their stronger defensive positions. Juniors Donny Duschinsky and Jake Welch split time at shortstop last season, and Henderson said Duschinsky will likely start at third base next season while senior Austin Montgomery will move back into the outfield.

Henderson said Rosthenhausler is very athletic with speed, and his defensive prowess at short is something the team didn't have last season.

"You want a defensive shortstop who's not a liability offensively," Henderson said. "Donny did a very good job filling in there, but he's not a shortstop."

Another move that Henderson said provides the team with depth is corner infielder Cody Daily out of Southwestern Illinois Community College. Henderson said Daily will likely share time with seniors Wes Neece and Brock Harding as utility infielders.

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